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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Support for project 17-043, DaVita Romeoville Dialysis

To the Members of the Review Board:

On behalf of the Will County Center for Economic Development (CED), we support the application for a Certificate of Need for DaVita Romeoville Dialysis (project 17-043).

This is a health care quality issue first and foremost. DaVita consistently rates highest on federal scorecards with the premier total performance among all large dialysis organizations. In addition, Will County—and the Romeoville area particularly—represent one of the fastest growing areas in Illinois. Romeoville is the 45th largest community in the state, and the village does not have a kidney dialysis provider. As the population continues to grow in Will County the need for dialysis will expand as people live longer, healthier, active lives.

The economic development impact of DaVita Romeoville Dialysis will be positive. The construction jobs to build the \$4 million facility will be substantial. The project will create at least ten full-time positions within the clinic, with future job growth anticipated.

The CED asks you approve DaVita Romeoville Dialysis, allowing physicians the opportunity to serve Will County patients with excellence.

Respectfully,

John Greuling President/CEO

Will County Center for Economic Development